



LEAD SF - Fact Sheet

1. WHAT IS LEAD?

San Francisco has been chosen as a recipient of a Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) grant to implement Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD). This grant is funded for 5.9 million dollars for 26 months (April 21, 2017-June 30, 2019).

Based on the Seattle LEAD program, LEAD SF will be an innovative pre-booking diversion program that will refer repeat, low-level drug offenders at high risk of recidivism, at the earliest contact with law enforcement to community-based health and social services as an alternative to jail and prosecution. This program, to be implemented in August of 2017, will focus on the Mission and Tenderloin Districts to better meet the needs of individuals with a history of substance abuse and low-level drug offenses through **3 goals**: 1) **reduce the recidivism rate** for low-level drug and alcohol offenders, 2) **strengthen collaboration** across city and community based partners, and 3) **improve their health and housing status**.

2. WHO ARE THE LEAD SF PARTNERS?

City Departments

- Adult Probation Department
- Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) Police
- Department of Public Health
- Office of the District Attorney
- Office of the Public Defender
- San Francisco Police Department
- San Francisco Sheriff's Department

Community Based Organizations

- Drug Police Alliance
- Felton Institute
- Glide Harm Reduction
- San Francisco Public Health Foundation

Technical Support

- Harder+Company Community Research
- Hatchuel Tabernik and Associates

Community Representatives

- Reentry Council
- Roadmap to Peace
- Sentencing Commission
- Tenderloin Health Improvement Partnership
- Workgroup to Re-Envision the Jail Replacement Project

3. WHAT SERVICES ARE PROVIDED THROUGH LEAD SF?

An individual receiving services through LEAD SF will have an Individualized Intervention Plan that they will develop with their treatment team. Services will vary to meet the unique needs of each individual, but may include:

- Enrollment in public benefits
- Linkage to Substance Use Disorder Treatment
- Linkage to Mental Health Services
- Support with employment services

All services will be based in the following principles and practices:

- Harm Reduction
- Recovery and Wellness
- Trauma Informed
- Culturally Competent
- Gender Specific
- Evidence Based Practices (e.g., Seeking Safety, Dialectical Behavioral Therapy, Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, Assertive Community Treatment, Wellness Recovery Action Plan, Thinking for a Change)

4. WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

An individual must meet all of the following criteria to qualify for LEAD SF:

- 1) Be at least 18 years of age;
- 2) Be alleged of committing an offense in the Tenderloin or Mission Districts;
- 3) Have contact with Law Enforcement where there is probable cause for the following offenses:
 - a) TBD

5. WHO CAN REFER TO LEAD SF?

A referral must be made from one of the following law enforcement agencies working in the Mission or Tenderloin Districts:

- San Francisco Police Department (SFPD)
- Bay Area Rapid Transit Police (BART Police)
- San Francisco's Sheriff's Department (SFSD)

LEAD SF Website

www.sfdph.org/dph/comupg/knowlcol/leadSF/Law-Enforcement-Assisted-Diversion-SF.asp

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